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\$5 Million Grant Will Open Doors to New Careers for Workers Who Lost Jobs With the Closing of NUMMI Auto Plant

SACRAMENTO – A state Employment Development Department (EDD) grant of more than \$5 million will help open the doors to new and promising careers for the thousands of Californians who lost their jobs due to the closing of the New United Motors Manufacturing, Inc., (NUMMI) auto plant in Fremont, April 1.

“The closing of the NUMMI plant dealt a painful blow to the longtime productive workers who now find themselves without jobs in the midst of this deep nationwide recession,” said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the state Labor and Workforce Development Agency. “With this grant we are providing training and employment services to quickly move these skilled and dedicated workers into jobs with bright futures in growing industries.”

One-Stop Career Centers in Silicon Valley, Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano Counties will use the grant money to offer former NUMMI workers recruitment, testing, assessment, transferable skills analysis, resume writing, job search workshops, job clubs, basic/remedial education, individual employment plans, career counseling, job placement, on-the-job training, classroom training including occupational or vocational skills training, in-depth supportive services, stress counseling and other necessary services.

NUMMI-impacted dislocated workers will be trained in a variety of in-demand occupations, many of which will be in the emerging green industry, such as Energy Auditor, Solar Technician, Solar Manufacturing, Automotive Hybrid Mechanic, Wastewater Treatment Operator, Green Plumbing Workers, and Electronic Power Station Technicians. Training will also be available for jobs in other growing sectors such as Health Care (Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, X-Ray Technician, MRI Technician and Nurses), Information Technology (System Administrators, Six-Sigma certification, Project Management and Computer Information Systems Technicians) and the Biotech Industry.

The grant was awarded to the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board, the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County, the San Jose/Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Network and the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County. Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s EDD.

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